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## The Constitutional Delegates Meet

### Assembly of Delegates-Elect at Santa Fe for Preliminary Arrangements

From the Raton Range.

A preliminary meeting of some of the delegates to the territorial constitutional convention was held on Monday and Tuesday in the office of Territorial Irrigation Engineer David M. White in the capitol at Santa Fe. No official notice or formal invitation had been sent out, and as a consequence none of the delegates from this county, Messrs. Charles Springer, Jerome Troy, Manley M. Dawson and Pedro Y. Santistevan, was in attendance. The object of the informal gathering was to take steps toward notifying the legislature of the readiness of the delegates to perform the duties for which they were elected, and to expedite the arrangements for holding the convention, with a view to convincing congress that New Mexico is now ready for and entitled to the honor of immediate statehood.

The following delegates were present at the first meeting on Monday morning: San Miguel county, Margarito Romero of Las Vegas; Mora county, Gabino P. Sanchez of Watrous, and Cresencio Hernandez of Wagon Mound; Taos county, Jose Ignacio Garcia of Castillo, and Epimeno D. Leon of Otero; Rio Arriba county, Hon. L. Bradford Prince of Espanola and Manuel S. Salazar of Rio Chama; Santa Fe county, David M. White of Santa Fe. At the afternoon session Col. George W. Prichard of Lincoln county, and J. W. Akers of Santa Fe county, were also present. A number of letters were read from delegates who were unable to be present, among them being Hon. H. O. Bursum of Socorro county, Dr. W. R. Tipton of San Miguel county, Hon. F. W. Clancy of Bernalillo county, Hon. Celso Baca of

Guadalupe county, George S. Klock of Bernalillo county, ex-Governor E. S. Stover of Albuquerque, and Jay Turley of San Juan county, all of them being favorable to the prompt assembling of the convention. Hon. F. W. Clancy suggested that as there are many members of the bar among the delegates, the first of June would be as early as they could attend without inconvenience.

At Tuesday's session J. M. Chavez of Rio Arriba county, also appeared and took part in the proceedings, and a letter was read from Edward Hart of McKinley county concurring in the action of the meeting. After a full interchange of ideas the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the people of New Mexico have demonstrated their desire for statehood in the most emphatic manner at the recent election, by giving a vote of 26,195 against 14,735, in favor thereof, under very adverse conditions; and the total vote of over 43,000 cast at the election, proves that the present population of the territory is more than ample for separate New Mexico statehood.

"Resolved, That we are willing and ready to perform our part in the preparation of a constitution for New Mexico at such time as shall appear most proper and convenient.

"Resolved, That a committee, representing all sections, be appointed to confer with the territorial legislature soon to convene, as to the best

time and method of holding the session for the formulation of such constitution, and to take such measures as appear best for the promotion of this object."

The chairman stated that the governors of a number of states, including Colorado, Oregon, Wisconsin and North Dakota, had sent their constitutions and other documents for the use of the convention.

Charles Springer of Colfax county was appointed on the committee to confer with the territorial legislature.

The meeting then adjourned to meet with all delegates to the convention who can be present on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a. m.

The county of Santa Fe during the calendar year of 1906 spent \$1,000 in paying twenty road overseers fifty dollars each. The good that these eminent patriots did is not apparent. With the exception of the roads constructed under and by direction of the county commissioners in this county, no work was done on the public highways and roads, except that the road overseers very conscientiously and successfully left them in worse condition than they were the year before. All joking aside, a change in the present laws governing the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways in the Sunshine territory should be had and that in the next assembly. The farce has gone far enough and certainly has cost enough.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

The county of Santa Fe made a serious mistake, not in the plan adopted in the care of her roads, but in the selection of the men to do the work. The selection of twenty responsible men over the county, who will take a personal pride in the roads under their care, and are capable of doing the work, will assure any county the best roads possible for the money spent. Colfax county will adopt this very plan, except that care will be taken in the selection of the district overseers, and the men so appointed will serve without remuneration. It is believed the Colfax county roads at the end of 1907 will be the best in the territory. The plan, so far as Colfax county is concerned, is the suggestion of Frederic Whitney of Cimarron, who put the proposition to the county commissioners at their last meeting. The commissioners are busily engaged securing the local supervisors, and the plan will be in full operation early in the season. Watch Colfax county roads.

#### MAXWELL CITY NOTES.

It rained nearly all night here last Tuesday night.

Bert Rogers was a business visitor to Raton Tuesday.

Mrs. Krauswitzer and Miss Paulina were up from French to day.

Mrs. Van Bruggen transacted business in Raton Tuesday.

Mrs. W. S. McCloud returned Friday from a weeks visit with friends in Raton.

E. R. Manning and wife and little daughter Arline spent several days last week on the Pond.

Walter Wade and wife of Raton came down Saturday for a few days visit with the family of Mrs. Wade's uncle, D. N. Jackson.

Jim Power has sold his eighty acre farm under the Hardscrabble ditch to Uncle Billy Mays who will not move to the place until after he proves up on his Chico ranch next year.

Edward Sproull and family have now moved into "Hotel Maxwell" which they will occupy as a private residence. Mr. Sproull is looking after Mr. Humphreys stock and pasture down here.

P. Kits and Webb Smith have purchased a dairy at Raton and will take charge next week. These gentlemen have been good citizens and successful farmers down here and we bespeak for them a good patronage in their new venture.

Wm. Van Bruggen has bought the Hardscrabble property known as the Sid Rogers ranch which consists of about 240 acres under ditch and 1,000 acres of grazing land.

A party of promoters from Illinois were here this week looking at land with a view to investing in a large tract for dry farming. Land Agent Ogle was in charge of the party.

The Hardscrabble school opened last week with Miss Agnes Phillips as teacher. They had expected to get the school started sooner but the inclement weather delayed work on the school house.

Rev. F. E. Finley, of Springer, has purchased the Webb Smith farm two miles northwest of Maxwell. It contains 156 acres and has a good abode ranch house on it. Rev. Finley will probably not move to the place at the present time.

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